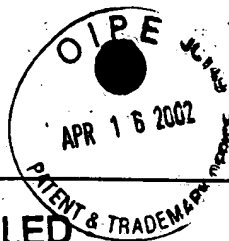




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In re Application of
Michael John Bryant and Nick C. George
Application No. 09/514,423
Filed: February 28, 2000
Title of Invention: ELECTRICAL CABLE
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DECISION GRANTING STATUS
UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

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This is a decision on the Petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed May 22, 2000 (certificate of mailing dated February 28, 2000), to proceed with the above-identified patent application where a joint inventor refuses to join the application.

The Petition is **granted**.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 47(a) status¹.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor refuses to sign the declaration after having been presented with the above-identified application and declaration. Specifically, Petitioner established that the non-signing inventor, Mr. Michael John Bryant, refuses to sign the declaration after having been presented with the application, including the drawings, declaration and appointment of attorney, and assignment documents in the above-identified application.

As provided in Rule 1.47(a), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the Petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 2800 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Petitions Attorney Derek L. Woods at (703) 305-0014.

 For

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¹ This Office notes that a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires an affidavit setting forth facts to support the Petition. However, as Petitioner is a registered practitioner, and in accordance with 37 CFR 10.18, the Petition, which asserts facts sufficient to support the granting of this Petition, is accepted in lieu of a Declaration.